

Biggest challenge for transportation in our state's history

- * Population growth – 7th largest state in 20 years*
- * VMT growth – North Carolinians driving further*
- * Skyrocketing commodity prices – DOT estimates 45% inflation just since 2003*

These pressures are particularly acute in our cities – majority of the growth in our state is in cities because residents want to be near the amenities and jobs.

Metropolitan and urban transportation challenging for a NC – heavy traffic, public transportation, sidewalks, greenways, air quality, etc. - not part of NCDOT traditional role in a state that has only recently become an urban state (census tells us for the first time on our history more people live in cities than outside them).

The growing problem not going to solve itself – NC has opportunity to maintain its reputation for quality of life.

Some potential solutions

Improving process – design-build, efficient design, streamline permits, etc

Innovative Financing –GARVEE Bonds, Tolling, Local Option funding

Public-Private Partnerships (Chicago and Indiana examples)

Funding Sources:

- Gas tax – “efficiency” challenge

- Highway Use Tax – modest growth

- Registration Fees

- VMT tax

- Local Option Funding – (all currently used – not widely available)

- Sales tax
- Real Estate Transfer tax
- Impact Fees
- Car registration